tourist places on the basis of field visits/consultations with the States/UT Administrations concerned and on receipt of project proposals from them, complete in all respect, as per guidelines. No project proposal has been received from the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in this regard.

Sale of Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort

2029. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation's Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort has been taken over by a private hotel group during March, 2003 as a part of the privatisation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the cost given to ITDC and the land transferred to the private party;

(c) the details of land under the possession of ITDC as per the possession certificate after 1971, the land taken over by Government from the private party during the year 2004; and

(d) whether Government propose to initiate any inquiry on the privatisation of ITDCs Kovalam hotel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b)As per the disinvestment policy of the Government, Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort was sold to M/s M. Far Hotels Ltd, Cochin on 11th July, 2002 for Rs. 43,68,76,000/-.

(c) The details relating to area of land/property title etc. of Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort as indicated in the Share purchase Agreement are given in the Statement. *(See below).* Government of India has not taken over any land from the private party during the year 2004.

(d) The matter is *sub-judice* as a case is pending in Kerala High Court.

Statement

Details of area of land/property title of Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort

Description of the land

The hotel is located at Thiruvananthapuram -695527, Kerala on a plot of land measuring, approximately 25,78.40 hectares of freehold land bounded on the North by Vellar Panchayat area on the South by Panchayat Road to Hawa Beach, on the East by KTDC Samundra Hotel and on the west by the Sea.

Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

The current FAR applicable is 200%.

Area constructed

The total area constructed is approximately 31,525 square metres.

ITDC's diversification plan

2030. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to diversify its business and ensure growth after privatisation of hotels. India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has tied-up with Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Goa for providing support in infrastructure development and travel-related services;

(b) if so, whether some more States have been identified for similar tie-ups;

(c) if so, what are the names of those States; and

(d) to what extent these tie-ups have helped to improve growth in tourism sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) ITDC has not tied up with Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Goa for providing support in infrastructure development and travel-related services. However, ITDC is undertaking the work of preparation of Feasibility Reports, Tourism Master